

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter October 8, 2020

This Week's Pondering

Pastor Ken Nelson, Senior Pastor



*"Praise the Lord
from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail,
snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars."*
Psalm 148: 9-10

Martin Luther wrote "Psalm 148 is a psalm of thanks that excites and exhorts all creatures in heaven and on earth to praise God. Rightfully all of creation should be nothing but a tongue, always praising the great goodness of God. If you want to know how good it is, then take whatever you will and say: 'if there were no sun ... if there were no snow and mist ... if there were no wind, and so on. Then you will see why one should thank God.'"

Luther believed this Psalm "belonged" to the 1st Article of the Apostles Creed - "I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth." Luther often read the Psalms as exhortations to faith, or as commentary on the catechism in one way or another.

Today, I would simply ask you to look about. Drive or walk up and down any street and don't look at the houses, or the political signs or the toys or cars or swing set. Look at a tree. Contrast it to the lush green of the grass. Ask yourself how something could not, in this moment, be praising God it's creator more than a maple tree with seven hues of color adorning it all at once. Ask yourself ...

Please click [HERE](#) to read the remainder of this week's Pondering.

Worship Resources

The Saturday worship service is now being recorded so you can watch it on Sunday morning. Click below to access the video as well as a copy of the weekend's sermon.

Worship Resources

Online Resources

"Foretaste of the Feast" Weekly Podcast

Text Study for weekend readings

Calvary Website

Prior Sermons

NALC Daily Devotion

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



Pastor Appreciation Month (originally called *Clergy Appreciation Month*) was established in 1992 by a group of pastors and church leaders to honor those who serve in ministry.

They grounded the celebration in Paul's words to Timothy: *"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching"* (1 Timothy 5:17)

We are a very blessed congregation to have [Pastor Ken Nelson](#) as our Senior Pastor, [Lynnae Douglas](#) as our Pastoral Intern, and pastors [Jerry Wittmus](#) and [Mark Knappe](#) as fill-in clergy. If you'd like to send an email note of thanks to any of them, just click on their names above for a link to their email address. You are also welcome to drop them a handwritten note and can leave that in the church office. Staff will make sure it will be delivered.

A prayer of thanks for their service is always appreciated. Here is a sample to guide you:

Lord, I enter your courts with praise and thanksgiving. Thank you for choosing Pastor Ken, Lynnae, Pastor Jerry and Pastor Mark to shepherd this church. Thank you for helping them to walk in the counsel of the Godly. May you continue strengthening them so that they can lead us to you, our true living God. Remove anything in their lives that may hinder them from fulfilling the calling you have placed in their hearts. May they hide under your wings all the days of their lives. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

Worship Updates



Our worship times have been slightly adjusted to accommodate time for Christian Education time

New Worship Time:

Saturday, 5 p.m. (no change)

Sunday, 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School/Christian Education: 9:15 a.m.

Music Ministry

Children's Chime Group Being Formed

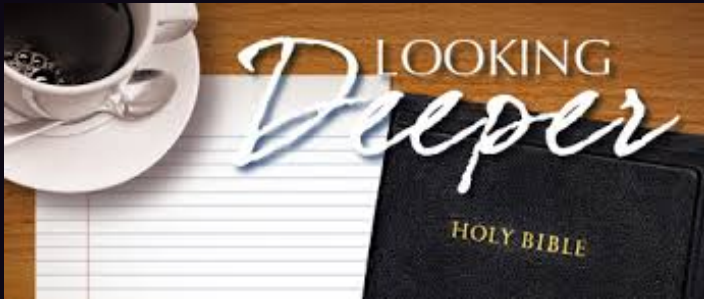
Little CHIMERS! The first rehearsal for kids' chimes will be **this Saturday, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.**

This opportunity is open to children 6 – 10 years old. We will learn foundational principles of music as well as have a great time making music.

There is no need to register; just show up, and if you have questions, please contact Nicole Moritz at 414-625-0318 (text or call).



Faith Formation



Adult Christian Education

SUNDAY at 9:15 a.m.

- Wayne Johnson is leading a Bible study focusing on 2 Timothy at 9:15 a.m. in the Media Room.

- Pastor Ken will be teaching the "Lutheran Next Steps" (LNS), starting October 18 for nine consecutive weeks, at 9:15 a.m. in Room 109. LNS is about the basics of the Christian faith - the things we will pass on about our faith in the Lutheran tradition and culminates in the golden opportunity to write a "faith story" - your story, the story that could change someone else's life. This is only open to the first eight people who sign up. You can sign up via the sheet on the glass doors of Fellowship Hall, or via email to Cindy (office@calvarylc.com).

Please note that, due to COVID restrictions, coffee and refreshments will not be available.

**Giving & Worship Attendance
October 3 & 4**

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	27
Sunday 8:15 a.m.	55
Sunday 10:15 a.m.	55

	As of September 30, 2020		
	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	YTD Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$ 22,908	\$ 349,955	\$ 346,400
Unpledged Offerings	\$ 2,418	\$ 36,045	\$ 44,130
Income less Expenses	\$ (8,604)	\$ 61,740	\$ 37,404
September MOM - BASICS	\$ 1,534	\$ 1,774	n/a



THIS WEEKEND
 19th Sunday after Pentecost
**NOTE NEW WORSHIP
 TIMES!**

This week's readings

Click below for a link to each reading

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

[Psalm 23](#)

[Philippians 4:4-9](#)

[Matthew 22:1-14](#)

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Lee Tyne

DEACONS:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Ed Ramthun
- Sunday (8:15am): Glori Kurth
- Sunday (10:15 am): Darlene Louison

USHERS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): Bob and Mary Smith
- Sunday (10:15 am): NEEDED

LECTORS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): Chris Spangenberg
- Sunday (10:15 am): Sallie Schulz

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Megan Schatz

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Rick VanWeelden

ALTAR FLOWERS:

- Mark and Lydia Trudell in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary

ALTAR GUILD:

- Jan Lukasik

POWERPOINT TECH:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Lydia Trudell
- Sunday (8:15 am): Sue Rowe
- Sunday (10:15 am): Sue Meyer

Our Church Family

Happy Birthday!

Cathy Roldan, 8/8
Zackery Griese, 10/9
Jill Voss, 10/10
Shirley Brodell, 10/11
Judy Kestly, 10/11
Carolyn Schuelke, 10/11
Heather Wirtz, 10/11
Gideon Hlmsel, 10/12

Happy Anniversary!

Rich and Cindy Rooks, 10/9 (33 years)
Mark and Lydia Trudell, 10/9 (38 years)
Jeanne and Kurt Duch, 10/10 (39 years)
Herb and Judy Grospitz, 10/11 (45 years)



New prayer requests: George Rooney

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Grace Gunnlaugsson; Ka Thou; Somalian family Hamzo and her nine children lost their home in Milwaukee in a fire on 9/21; Steve Pitel (brother-in-law of Chuck Giuliani); Olivia (granddaughter of Megan Sayas' co-worker); Mike Foster (son of Ron Foster); Elizabeth Scott (cousin of Megan Sayas);

Serving in the Military: Dan Berger (serving in the U.S. Marines); Nicole Wahlgren (serving in the U.S. Army National Guard); Kyle Pierce (son of Karen and Keith Pierce, serving in the U.S. Army); Alex Olson (U.S. Air Force, grandchild of Ardath Olson); Karmen Thomas (friend of Tony and Krista Dentice serving in the U.S. Army); all military chaplains; and all veterans suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

For All Men and Women Serving: Police Officers, Firefighters, Health Care workers and First Responders.

Serving in the mission field: Our NALC missionaries and missionaries everywhere bringing the gospel to the ends of the Earth.

Long-term prayer list: *Calvary members:* Bill Jordan; Jeanette Ketelsen; Marge Skarie; Lowell Sonderman; Donna Polizzi; Pat Treutelaar; and Janet Zastrow.

Non-members: Judy Grospitz; Elmer Eggert (grandfather of Angie Schatz); John Bradowsky (NALC Bishop Emeritis); Jan Janchan (friend of Jonni Roush); Mary Dresser (Donna Schroeder's daughter-in-law's sister); Shirl Gordon (friend of Cindy Rooks); David Voight (friend of Jonni Roush); Tom Kestly (husband of Judy Kestly); Bill Barwa (friend of Megan Sayas); Doug Haus (brother-in-law of Chet Elliott); Nancy Waters (sister-in-law of Barb

Snyder); Christine Elliott (friend of Chet Elliott); Reidun Asland (friend of Pastor Ken and Marcella Nelson); Jeff Edwards (friend of Ernie Kretschmann); Monica Barchus (niece of Ernie Kretschmann); Michael Rossa (Lucy Dallman's son).

If you have any new prayer requests, please contact the church office at 262.786.4010 or via email to office@calvarylc.com.

Men's and Women's Ministries



Weekly Men's Breakfast
Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.

Maxim's Restaurant
18025 W. Capitol Drive

The restaurant seating has been reconfigured in compliance with social distancing requirements.

All men are invited to attend!



Monthly Men's Ministry
Gathering
Thursday, October 22
6:00 p.m.

(The monthly men's gathering will be on hiatus in November and December)

Come for fellowship, food and devotion time. Dinner will be provided. Social distancing will be respected and practiced. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ernie Kretschmann at kretschmann@att.net.



Women's Ministry Book Group
Monday, October 12 - 1 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
(Masks are required)

Join the **Women's Ministry Book Group** as they discuss *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee.

Here's the review from Amazon.com: An extraordinary insight into life under one of the world's most ruthless and secretive dictatorships – and the story of one woman's terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom.

As a child growing up in North Korea, Hyeonseo Lee was one of millions trapped by a secretive and brutal communist regime. Her home on the border with China gave her some exposure to the world beyond the confines of the Hermit Kingdom and, as the famine of the 1990s struck, she began to wonder, question and to realize that she had been brainwashed her entire life. Given the repression, poverty and starvation she witnessed surely her country could not be, as she had been told “the best on the planet”?

Aged seventeen, she decided to escape North Korea. She could not have imagined that it would be twelve years before she was reunited with her family.

Community Outreach & Mission of the Month

American Red Cross Blood Drive - October 16th

We are pleased to partner with the Brookfield Central High School Glee Club in hosting their fall blood drive on **Friday, October 16 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Due to space restrictions at the high school to provide safe social distancing for their students, they do not have the extra space at this time to hold their blood drive. We have offered the use of our Fellowship Hall and adjacent space for this important community effort.



Brookfield Community Blood Drive

Calvary Lutheran Church
1750 N Calhoun Rd
Friday, October 16, 2020
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Blood donations are down this year due so every donation is important. The Red Cross will take every precaution to ensure a safe environment for all who are involved in the donation process. Masks will be required.

- This drive is open to BCHS students, our Calvary family and the community-at-large.
- Appointments are scheduled every 15 minutes and making your appointment is easy. Click the button below "APPOINTMENTS" or call 1-800-RED CROSS. The sponsor code is BCHS.
- All presenting donors will receive a "buy one/get one free" Bundtlet coupon from Nothing Bundt Cakes in Brookfield.
- All blood donations are now tested for COVID-19 antibodies.

Volunteers are also needed to help with some of the pre-screening (taking temperatures, providing instruction on the process, etc.) as well as providing small individually packaged treats for the donors to enjoy upon completion of their blood donation. *If you'd like to help, please send a note to Sue Rowe (communications@calvarylc.com).*

Thank you for sharing the gift of life through blood donation! Click below to make your appointment.

APPOINTMENTS

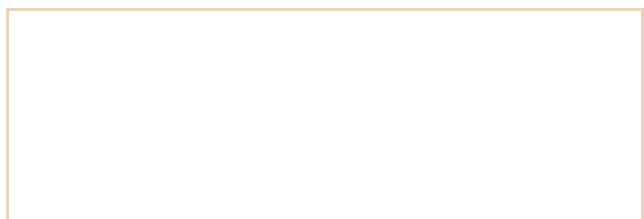
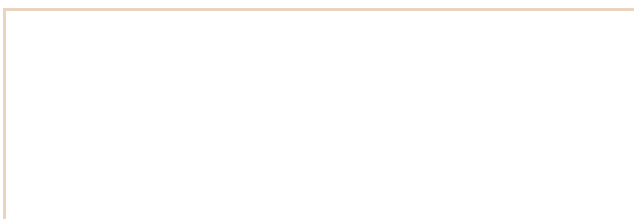
OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

Shepherd's Canyon and BroomTree Ministries

Wouldn't you like to help in making possible a counseling ministry for the restoration of hurting clergy couples and other professional church workers? Is there a need for such a ministry? Absolutely! Check out the facts below.

- *20% of pastors are "in crisis" - they are just "hanging on," coping with the issues they face day-to-day*
- *Among Protestant clergy, an incredible number quit the ministry every month!*
- *Only 50% of pastors entering the ministry today will make it five years*
- *80% of pastors say that the ministry has had a negative impact on their family*
- *Upwards of 70% of pastors fight depression*

October's Mission of the Month supports two ministries who are focused on providing pastoral retreat ministries. Read more about each one below.





Broom Tree Ministries provides spiritual retreats for pastors and their spouses. The retreats are designed to provide uninterrupted time with God in rest, reflection, and beauty.

Broom Tree prioritizes good food and lots of time with spouses. Our guests consistently experience "aha" moments that bring clarity and challenge for the next season of ministry. Since 1997 we have been strengthening the church one pastor at a time.

Broom Tree retreats are held in Michigan and more information can be found at <http://broomtreeministries.org>.



"We laughed, cried, and shared how God can move us from brokenness to restoration. That out of death comes life."a testimonial from the first Shepherd's Canyon Retreat client, March 2009

Each **Shepherd's Canyon** seven-day retreat includes up to four client couples (singles are welcome), two counselors - male and female - and a retreat chaplain. Our twelve retreat therapists have a combined 250 years of counseling experience! All counseling is Bible-based. Shepherd's Canyon Retreats are held at Standing Stones Retreat Center near Wickenburg, AZ.

Learn more about Shepherd's Canyon at www.StandingStonesAz.org.

To support this important Mission for the Month, you may include it in your weekly offering envelope or designate the donation as "Mission of the Month" in your online giving.

This Week at a Glance (also available on Calvary's website calvarylc.com)

Friday, October 9

10:30a Janet Zastrow Bible Study Group

Saturday, October 10

3:45p Little Chimers

5:00p Worship

Sunday, October 11

8:15a Worship

9:15a Christian Education

10:15a Worship

Monday, October 12 Serenity Inn Meal Program

7:30a Internship Committee

10:00a Bible Study (Pat Dieck group)

1:000p Women's Book Group

Tuesday, October 13

9:30a Staff Meeting

6:00p Executive Committee

6:00p Celebration Ringers Rehearsal

7:00p Deacon meeting

Wednesday, October 14 **COUNCIL REPORTS DUE**

7:00a Men's Breakfast (Maxim's)

5:45p COFFEE at the Cross rehearsal (Virtual)

7:00p Alleluia Choir Rehearsal (virtual)

Thursday, October 15

9:00a Calvary Quilters

A few reminders

*The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until noon.
The door closest to the office (NW corner) will be open during those hours.
Please check in with the office staff so we know you are in the building.*



Sanctuary Flowers Sign Up

We invite you to sign up for flowers to beautify our altar each weekend.

Flowers are \$35 and may be taken home following the 10 a.m. worship on Sunday morning.

The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

If you are choosing to remain at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, any Calvary member, regardless of age or health, can request consecrated bread and juice from the weekend worship service. A sealed communion "kit", along with simple instructions to prepare you for communion, can be dropped off at your home by a member of our home communion ministry team.

If you'd like to get on the schedule for this important ministry, please contact the church office at 262.786.4010 or via email to office@calvarylc.com. You may set up a schedule of delivery weekly, or less often if you choose.



Our Stephen Ministers are here for you!



Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this important ministry, please contact [Scott or Peggy Langelin](#) at 262.853.0018.

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Questions or comments? Email Sue Rowe at communications@calvarylc.com